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The World's Oldest Continuously Operating Radio Amateur Club

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YOU NAME IT! MRAC ANNOUNCES CONTEST TO NAME MONTHLY CLUB BULLETIN

Here's a chance to put to work that creative genius which you've been harboring for years. No box tops; no coupons required. You don't even have to call "CQ Contest".

Since this is your club bulletin the membership should have a hand in naming the new "baby". All club members are invited to submit a suggested name for the bulletin. You don't have to be fancy--just write your choice on a penny post card and send it to W9DJV, P.O. Box 852, Milwaukee 1.

Oh yes, there will be a prize! To the member who coins the name chosen for this bulletin by a committee consisting of Editor Harry Paston, W9DJV, Business Manager Joseph T. Collins, W9PYM and MRAC President Ralph O. Koenig, W9RUF, the club will award a new Stancor Power Transformer delivering 870 volts CT at 200 mils. The winner will be announced in the next issue of the bulletin and the prize awarded at the following meeting. Deadline for submitting a name will be January 5, 1950.

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OLD TIMERS NIGHT SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 29

For the first time in ten years, MRAC will sponsor an Old Timers Night, Thursday, December 29, in the Conference Room of the Milwaukee Public Library. Chairman Clarence N. Crapo, W9VD, announced that plans are being made for adjourning to another meeting place for refreshments following the big get-together at the regular club room.

Louie Wollaeger, W9ANA, will awaken memories of the "good old days" with a demonstration of a spark transmitter.

Chairman Crapo emphasized that all are welcome--"old timers and young squirts" alike. Be sure and read his letter attached to this issue of the bulletin.

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TREASURER BENSON RESIGNS

Leonard E. Benson, W9BNN, submitted his resignation as treasurer of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc. to the Board of Directors. The Board accepted "with regret" Mr. Benson's resignation which was effective December 9. Mr. Benson was forced to resign due to a shift in employment necessitating his being out of the city. He was serving his second term as Treasurer. The president will appoint a director to serve out the remainder of the treasurer's unexpired term.

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THE CRYSTAL BALLSchedule of Meetings and Programs of the MRAC

Each month the Crystal Ball will present the programs for the next four meetings of the MRAC. This service will supplant the present weekly mailing of postal cards notifying club members of the week's program. Keep informed--keep the MRAC bulletin handy in your shack.

Thursday.....December 22.....Roger Zaun, W9UVV, formerly with Thordarson as Audio Development Engineer, will discuss and demonstrate a Speech Amplifier and Driver Unit incorporating amplitude clipping and audio band width limitations. Roger will have laboratory equipment with him and will show you how to obtain more effective modulation and how to make performance tests on audio equipment.

Thursday.....December 29.....Old Timers Night at the MRAC. Come on down and see your old friends. And for the "young squirts", old king spark will reign supreme. See the story and W9VD's letter in this issue.

Thursday.....January 5.....Equipment Night. Here's a chance to show off that prize piece of gear you constructed. All are invited to bring some piece of equipment and explain and demonstrate it to the club. A 1950 revival of a popular MRAC activity. Transmitters, receivers, gadgets, unusual devices--bring 'em along.

"WHAT HAPPENED"

Adopting the current craze in zany expressions for a title, this column will present to our readers each month a resume of what has occurred at meetings of the MRAC and MRAC Board of Directors. Through this medium we hope to keep those members who have not attended meetings up to date on the activities of the Club.

November 30 - Board of Directors - The Board passed a motion, following considerable discussion, asking the membership for a directive to cash in one \$500. savings bond (net worth \$350.) to help bolster the treasury. The Board also gave its sanction to the club bulletin and discussed means of defraying the cost.

December 1 - Regular Meeting - Director Collins presented a survey of costs which would be incurred in publishing the monthly club bulletin. He pointed out that, if the membership so desired, most, if not all of the costs could be defrayed by advertisers. A discussion of the costs followed.

Acting on the request of the Board, a discussion regarding the advisability of cashing a savings bond followed. Since a quorum was not in attendance, the discussion on this matter was tabled until the next meeting of the Club.

An interesting film on the use of coaxial cable and radio relay in the transmission of TV programs concluded the meeting.

December 8 - Regular Meeting - The major part of this meeting was given over to further discussion regarding the cashing of a savings bond. Once again a quorum was not present and, therefore, no binding action could be taken. However, the membership indicated it would be advisable to have a financial committee audit the MRAC books and prepare a sound fiscal program. Vice-President Zolin, who presided over this meeting, promised such action would be taken at the Board meeting.

Director Collins reported additional figures on the cost of the bulletin, indicating that it could be readily made self-supporting with the aid of advertisers, some of whom had already signified their willingness to advertise in the bulletin.

December 9 - Board of Directors - With "deep regret" the Board accepted the resignation of Treasurer Leonard E. Benson, W9BNN.

A discussion regarding the MRAC bulletin was held; the contents of the first issue being explained by Editor Paston. Director Joseph Collins, W9PYM, who had volunteered to mimeograph the first issue gratis, volunteered to act as business manager of the bulleting and arrange for advertising and monthly publication of same.

An informal discussion was held regarding the appointment of a financial committee. The President will investigate the assignment of qualified personnel and report back to the Board. Upon the motion of Director Clarence Burke, W9KEU, the financial committee would audit the books from September, 1947, to date and make the necessary recommendations relative to a sound fiscal policy. The Board approved this motion. At the same time action was deferred on cashing a savings bond pending a report by a financial committee.

THE DIRECTORS' CORNER

ARRL Central Division Director Doyle Sends Greetings

Editor, MRAC Bulletin:

I was pleased to learn of the formation of the MRAC bulletin and want to express my best wishes for a long life and much success to this undertaking.

A bulletin such as this will serve as a medium to interest every amateur in Milwaukee County, and even throughout the section, in amateur activities, enabling them to keep abreast of the latest events emanating from the Milwaukee Club Group. In addition, the interchange value of this bulletin will bring the MRAC closer to similar groups throughout the State and country, fostering the continual exchange of ideas.

Everything seems quiet and peaceful so far as the forthcoming regulations are concerned. A hearing will be on the amended Docket 9295 in January, after which the regulations should be adopted in the altered form.

Since I cannot greet each of you in person, may I take this opportunity of wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

73.

Jack Doyle, W9GPI

TOPS IN TIPS

For the DX-minded club members--and those trying for WAS also--GE HAM NEWS Special DX Log is a must in the shack. The official DX country list forms the basis for the log which is cross-indexed with a prefix list and provided with space to keep a record of the DX worked from your station. The back page is a State list to keep track of those contacts and QSLs in pursuit of a WAS certificate. Latest info is that a new printing has been made and these logs should be available from GE Ham News, Schenectady, N.Y.

The September-October issue of RCA Ham Tips opens up to disclose a king-sized chart of harmonic relationships of the amateur bands. If you cannot obtain one in town, try RCA direct.

Ever work any DX? If you have and never received the QSL, chances are it may be at the W9 ARRL QSL Bureau. Send a No. 10 stamped self-addressed envelope with your call in the upper left hand corner to W9CFT, 311 Ross Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin. QSL Manager Jack Schneider appreciates your using commemorative stamp issues on envelopes to his bureau.

We hope that you have enjoyed browsing through the first issue of the MRAC Bulletin. Next month--if all goes as planned--you will be greeted by a much larger bulletin; an issue with a name. In addition to the regular departments, some of which have just been introduced to you, there will be an interesting section entitled Technical Topics. News items of interest to the club are solicited. 73 and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB
The World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Club

Milwaukee, Wis.
December, 1949

Dear O.M.:

We are planning another Old Timers' Night at the M.R.A.C. which will be held on our regular Club meeting night, Thursday, December 29th, in the Conference Room of the Milwaukee Public Museum. It has been ten years since we had our last big get-together, and as the old saying goes, "A lot of water has gone over the dam since then." We have been through another World War, some of the boys are laid to rest in foreign lands, others are among the "Silent Keys" here at home, and still others have strayed so far from the fold that they just can't be located.

So it's up to us members of the "Old Guard" to round up the gang and get them together again - if for no other reason than just to shake hands and say, "Golly, it's good to see you again." But that really isn't all, we are going to take you back to the "good old days" of 200 meter spark with Louie Wollaeger, W9ANA, who is going to crank up the old rotary gap, take the shunt off the transformer and show the young squirts what gives with a spark transmitter, as well as bringing back fond memories to many old timers. We think there will be some peculiar patterns on neighborhood TV screens, for a few minutes at least. By the way - if you have any ancient ham gear, parts, tubes, magazines, catalogues, etc., tag them with your name and call and bring them along and put them on display.

If you are an "Old Timer", you won't want to miss this opportunity to visit with your old friends. If you are a "young squirt" just breaking into the ham game, drop around and meet some of the guys who were in your shoes 20 to 30 years ago. After the meeting we expect to get together somewhere else for refreshments - we don't know where that will be right now, but we will cook up something after we find out how many are coming. Please fill in and mail the enclosed post card which we will use for this purpose, and we will also keep it in our permanent file of Club members.

If you can't be present and want to send your greetings to the gang, your letter will be greatly appreciated and will be read at the meeting on Old Timers' Night. Let us hear from you wherever you are. Address your letters to W9VD at 2111 E. Newton Avenue, Milwaukee.

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.
Clarence W. Crapo, W9VD
Old Timers' Night Committee